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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR CORPS OF ENGINEERS AIRCRAFT

1. U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS OFFICE HERE ASKED CONGEN ASSISTANCE REGARDING GOB PREFLIGHT "DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE" FOR ITS AIRCRAFT TO LAND IN BAHRAIN. APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSSING MATTER WITH GOB AND PROVIDING CONGEN WITH SUMMARY TO PASS TO COE.

2. FYI: COE AIRCRAFT MAKE OCCASIONAL TRIPS TO BAHRAIN, PRIMARILY TO TRANSPORT DEPENDENTS OF COE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ENROLLED IN BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL. NORMALLY AIRCRAFT, UPON LANDING AT BAHRAIN TAXIS SIRECTLY TO NAVY RAMP AND DOES NOT USE AIRPORT TERMINAL FACILITIES. UNTIL NOW THERE HAS BEEN NO FLIGHT CLEARANCE BEYOND CALLING TOWER AT BIA PRIOR TO LANDING. FEW DAYS AGO THIS PROCEDURE WAS FOLLOWED BUT BIA TOWER INFORMED COE PILOT THAT HE COULD NOT LAND UNTIL HE OBTAINED DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE. AS THIS IS NEW REQUIREMENT, COE WISHES TO HAVE ALL PARTICULARS.

3. COE AIRCRAFT: ONE IS BEECHCRAFT E-90, TAIL NUMBER N52KA AND ONE BEECHCRAFT U8F, TAIL NUMBER 623858. ALL CREW MEMBERS ARE U.S. ARMY OFFICERS OF DOD CIVILIANS.

4. IF DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE DEFINITELY NEEDED, COE WOULD PREFER 6-MONTH OR 12-MONTH BLANKET CLEARANCE FOR EACH AIRCRAFT. IF COE IS REQUESTED TO FILE SCHEDULE ON FLIGHTS, COE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AS TRIPS ARE NOT MADE ON REGULAR BASIS.

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